

**§ 670.22 Designation of specially protected species of mammals and birds.**

The Act states that the Director shall designate as a specially protected species any native species of mammal or bird which is approved by the United States for special protection under the Agreed Measures. The following two species have been so approved and are hereby designated specially protected species:

*Common Name and Scientific Name*

Kerguelen Fur Seal—	Arctocephalus
tropicalis gazella.	
Ross Seal—	Ommatophoca rossi.

**§ 670.23 [Reserved]**

**Subpart F—Native Plants**

**§ 670.24 Specific issuance criteria.**

Permits authorizing the collection of any native plant designated in § 670.26 from a specially protected area designated in § 670.30 may be issued only if

(a) There is a compelling scientific purpose for such collection which cannot be served elsewhere, and

(b) The actions allowed under any such permit will not jeopardize the natural ecological system existing in that area.

**§ 670.25 Content of permit applications.**

In addition to the information required in subpart C of this part, an applicant seeking a permit to collect a native plant in a specially protected area shall include the following in the application:

(a) A detailed scientific justification of the need for the collection, including a discussion of alternatives; and

(b) Information demonstrating that the proposed action will not jeopardize the unique natural ecological system existing in that area.

**§ 670.26 Designation of native plants.**

All plants found in Antarctica are designated native plants, including:

Fungi—Lichens.  
Vascular Plants—Marine algae.  
Bryophytes—Freshwater algae.

**§ 670.27 [Reserved]**

**Subpart G—Specially Protected Areas**

**§ 670.28 Specific issuance criteria.**

Permits authorizing entry into any specially protected area designated in § 670.30 of this title may be issued only if

(a) There is a compelling scientific purpose for such entry which cannot be served elsewhere;

(b) The actions allowed under any such permit will not jeopardize the natural ecological system existing in that area; and

(c) The actions permitted thereunder are in accordance with any Management Plan accompanying the description of a Specially Protected Area.

No permit shall be issued that allows the operation of any surface vehicle in a specially protected area.

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**§ 670.29 Content of permit applications.**

In addition to the information required in subpart C of this part, and applicant seeking a permit to enter a specially protected area shall include the following in the application.

(a) A detailed scientific justification of the need for such entry, including a discussion of alternatives; and

(b) Information demonstrating that the proposed action will not jeopardize the unique natural ecological system existing in that area.

**§ 670.30 Designation of specially protected areas.**

The Act states that the Director shall designate as a specially protected area, each area identified under the Agreed Measures as needing special protection. The following areas have been so identified and designated as Specially Protected Areas:

- (a) SPA 1, Taylor Rookery, MacRobertson Land
- (b) SPA 2, Rookery Islands, Holme Bay
- (c) SPA 3, Ardrey Island and Odbert Island, Budd Coast
- (d) SPA 4, Sabrina Island, Balleny Islands

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- (e) SPA 5, Beaufort Island, Ross Sea
- (f) SPA 7, Cape Hallett, Victoria Land
- (g) SPA 8, Dion Islands, Marguerite Bay, Antarctic Peninsula
- (h) SPA 9, Green Island, Berthelot Islands, Antarctic Peninsula
- (i) SPA 13, Moe Island, South Orkney Islands
- (j) SPA 14, Lynch Island, South Orkney Islands
- (k) SPA 15, Southern Powell Island and adjacent islands, South Orkney Islands
- (l) SPA 16, Coppermine Peninsula, Robert Island
- (m) SPA 17, Litchfield Island, Arthur Harbor, Palmer Archipelago
- (n) SPA 18, North Coronation Island, South Orkney Islands
- (o) SPA 19, Lagotellerie Island, Marguerite Bay
- (p) SPA 20, 'New College Valley', Caughley Beach, Cape Bird, Ross Island
- (q) SPA 21, Avian Island, North-west Marguerite Bay
- (r) SPA 22, Cryptogram Ridge, Mount Melbourne, Victoria Land
- (s) SPA 23, Forlidas Pond and Davis Valley Ponds

NOTE: Maps specifying these areas in greater detail may be obtained from the Director.

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### **§670.31 [Reserved]**

## **Subpart H—Sites of Special Scientific Interest**

### **§670.32 Specific issuance criteria.**

Sites of Special Scientific Interest, designated in §670.34, are sites where scientific investigations are being conducted or are planned and there is a demonstrable risk of interference which would jeopardize those investigations. Certain of these sites do not require limitations on entry to protect their value for scientific investigations. No permit is required for entry into these sites but entrants must comply with the management plan. Permits to enter sites for which an entry permit is required may be issued only if the proposed entry is consistent with the management plan.

### **§670.33 Content of permit applications.**

In addition to the information required in subpart C of this part, an applicant seeking a permit to enter a site of special scientific interest shall include the following in the application:

- (a) The justification for such entry;
- (b) Information demonstrating that the proposed action will not jeopardize the unique scientific value of the area; and
- (c) A statement demonstrating the consistency of the proposed action with the management plan.

### **670.34 Designation of sites of special scientific interest and management plans for those sites.**

(a) The Director is required to designate as a site of special scientific interest each area approved by the United States in accordance with Recommendation VIII-3 of the Eighth Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting. The Director is also required to prescribe a management plan for such sites which is consistent with any management plan approved by the United States in accordance with that Recommendation. Accordingly, the areas listed below are designated as sites of special scientific interest to be managed in accordance with the management plan recommended at the applicable consultative meeting and any subsequent amendments to that plan. The number of the recommendation, including any modifications made at subsequent consultative meetings, is included below after each site, as is the site number established at the consultative meetings. If there are any variations or additional management measures required by the United States they shall also be included in the listing below. Any specific conditions or limitations included in permits issued under this regulation will be consistent with these plans. More detailed maps and descriptions of the sites and the complete management plans as recommended at the consultative meetings can be obtained from the National Science Foundation, Division of Polar Programs, Washington, DC 20550.

(b) The sites of special scientific interest are as follows: